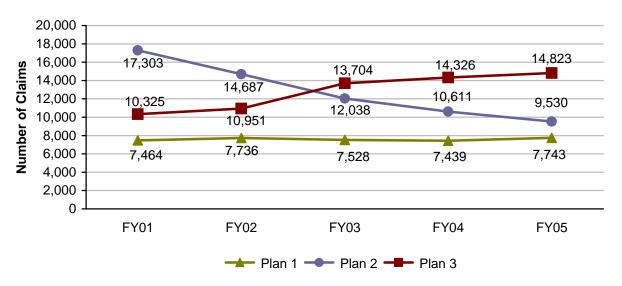
Comparison of Claims by Plan Type

This section provides the most current summary available on reported claims through FY05. The information is based on First Reports of Injury and Occupational Disease received by the department. Both medical only and indemnity claims are included.

Exhibit 2.1
Reported Claims¹ - Five Year Trend
By Plan Type²



Notes:

Exhibit 2.2

Reported Claims¹

By Plan Type² and Fiscal Year of Injury

	FY01		FY02		FY03		FY04		FY05	
Plan Type	Count	Percent								
Plan 1	7,464	21.2%	7,736	23.1%	7,528	22.6%	7,439	22.9%	7,743	24.1%
Plan 2	17,303	49.2%	14,687	43.9%	12,038	36.1%	10,611	32.7%	9,530	29.6%
Plan 3	10,325	29.3%	10,951	32.7%	13,704	41.1%	14,326	44.2%	14,823	46.1%
UEF	111	0.3%	68	0.2%	51	0.2%	67	0.2%	68	0.2%
Total	35,203	100%	33,442	100%	33,321	100%	32,443	100%	32,164	100%

Notes:

¹Total claim numbers continually change due to reporting.

²Plan types: Plan 1 – Self Insured Employers, Plan 2 – Private Insurance, Plan 3 – Montana State Fund.

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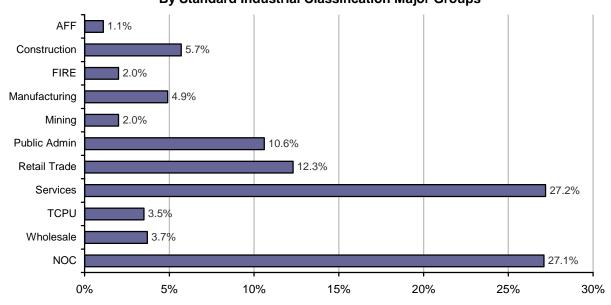
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Injured Worker Characteristics

Exhibit 2.3

Reported Claims - FY05

By Standard Industrial Classification Major Groups¹



Notes:

¹Source: Office of Management and Budget, Standard Industrial Classification Manual 1987.

AFF means Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

FIRE means Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

TCPU means Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities.

NOC means Not Otherwise Classified.

Exhibit 2.4

Reported Claims¹

By Standard Industrial Classification Major Groups² and Fiscal Year of Injury

	FY0	1	FY02		FY03	}	FY0	4	FY05	5
Standard Industrial Classification	Count	Percent								
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (AFF)	421	1.2%	372	1.1%	431	1.3%	356	1.1%	341	1.1%
Construction	2,508	7.1%	2,264	6.8%	2,110	6.3%	1,988	6.1%	1,842	5.7%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate (FIRE)	959	2.7%	599	1.8%	730	2.2%	677	2.1%	647	2.0%
Manufacturing	2,696	7.7%	2,424	7.2%	2,195	6.6%	1,800	5.5%	1,581	4.9%
Mining	600	1.7%	551	1.6%	468	1.4%	607	1.9%	644	2.0%
Public Administration	3,266	9.3%	3,746	11.2%	3,649	11.0%	3,180	9.8%	3,404	10.6%
Retail Trade	4,982	14.2%	4,705	14.1%	4,346	13.0%	4,378	13.5%	3,947	12.3%
Services	8,873	25.2%	8,055	24.1%	8,481	25.5%	8,342	25.7%	8,738	27.2%
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities (TCPU)	1,617	4.6%	1,419	4.2%	1,306	3.9%	1,200	3.7%	1,126	3.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,580	4.5%	1,417	4.2%	1,384	4.2%	1,235	3.8%	1,177	3.7%
NOC ³	7,701	21.9%	7,890	23.6%	8,221	24.7%	8,680	26.8%	8,717	27.1%
Total	35,203	100%	33,442	100%	33,321	100%	32,443	100%	32,164	100%

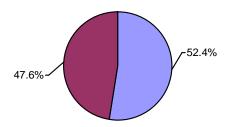
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¹Some counts may vary slightly from previous reports due to corrections from insurers.

²Source: Office of Management and Budget, *Standard Industrial Classification Manual* 1987.

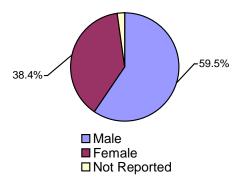
³NOC means Not Otherwise Classified.

Exhibit 2.5 Employed Population Composition¹ - CY04



According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the 2004 employed population in Montana was almost equally divided between male and female workers, with males at just over 52% of the total workforce.

Exhibit 2.6 Reported Claims - CY04



Despite a relatively balanced workforce, male claims accounted for almost 60% of the total reported injuries in CY04. While male employees make up less than 5% more of the total workforce than female employees, male workers still experienced over 20% more of the total claim related injuries.

Exhibit 2.7

Reported Claims

By Gender and Fiscal Year of Injury

-	FY01		FY02		FY03		FY04		FY05	
Gender	Count	Percent								
Female	13,554	38.5%	12,886	38.5%	13,022	39.1%	12,485	38.5%	12,619	39.2%
Male	21,457	61.0%	20,455	61.2%	19,793	59.4%	19,316	59.5%	18,868	58.7%
Not Reported	192	0.5%	101	0.3%	506	1.5%	642	2.0%	677	2.1%
Total	35,203	100%	33,442	100%	33,321	100%	32,443	100%	32,164	100%

Notes:

Based on total employed population of 462,000 (242,000 male and 220,000 female); figures provided by U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population in states by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, marital status, and detailed age", http://stats.bls.gov/lau/home.htm

Exhibit 2.8 **Reported Claims - FY05** By Standard Industrial Classification Major Groups¹ and Gender

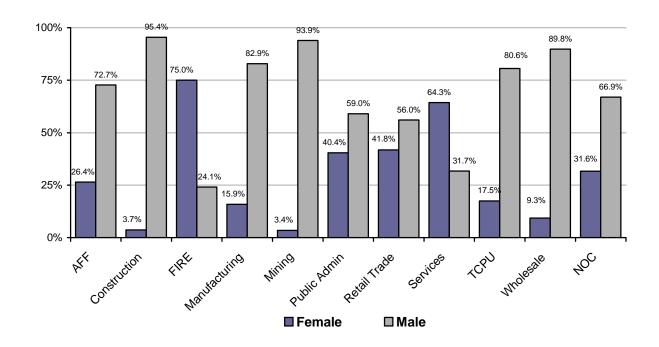


Exhibit 2.9 **Reported Claims - FY05** By Standard Industrial Classification Major Groups¹ and Gender

	Fe	male	N	lale	Not R	eported	T	otal
Standard Industrial Classification	Count	Percent ²	Count	Percent ²	Count	Percent ²	Count	Percent ²
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (AFF)	90	26.4%	248	72.7%	3	0.9%	341	100%
Construction	68	3.7%	1,757	95.4%	17	0.9%	1,842	100%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate (FIRE)	485	75.0%	156	24.1%	6	0.9%	647	100%
Manufacturing	251	15.9%	1,310	82.9%	20	1.3%	1,581	100%
Mining	22	3.4%	605	93.9%	17	2.6%	644	100%
Public Administration	1,376	40.4%	2,008	59.0%	20	0.6%	3,404	100%
Retail Trade	1,649	41.8%	2,210	56.0%	88	2.2%	3,947	100%
Services	5,615	64.3%	2,774	31.7%	349	4.0%	8,738	100%
Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities (TCPU)	197	17.5%	907	80.6%	22	2.0%	1,126	100%
Wholesale Trade	110	9.3%	1,057	89.8%	10	0.8%	1,177	100%
NOC ² SIC codes	2,756	31.6%	5,836	66.9%	125	1.4%	8,717	100%
Total	12,619	39.2%	18,868	58.7%	677	2.1%	32,164	100%

¹Source: Office of Management and Budget, *Standard Industrial Classification Manual 1987.*²Percentages based on total claims per SIC code, including female, male, and "Not Reported" gender types.

Exhibit 2.10 **Reported Claims - FY05** By Nature of Injury¹

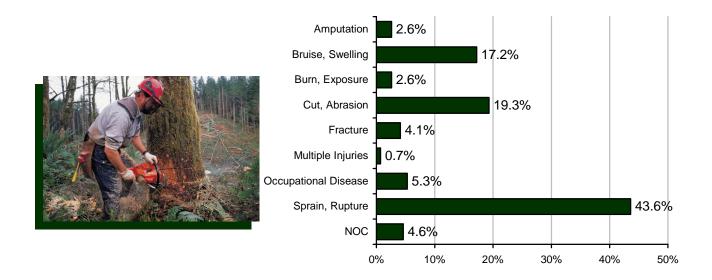


Exhibit 2.11 Reported Claims By Nature of Injury¹ and Fiscal Year of Injury

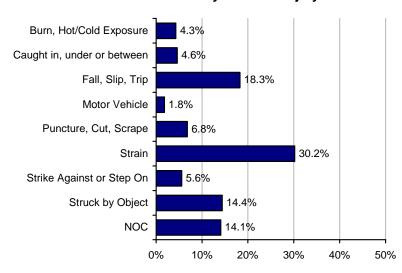
	FY0	FY01		FY02		FY03		4	FY05	
Nature of Injury	Count	Percent								
Amputation	681	1.9%	656	2.0%	783	2.3%	787	2.4%	830	2.6%
Bruise, Swelling	5,652	16.1%	5,094	15.2%	5,535	16.6%	5,449	16.8%	5,545	17.2%
Burn, Exposure	904	2.6%	933	2.8%	775	2.3%	821	2.5%	845	2.6%
Cut, Abrasion	7,098	20.2%	6,776	20.3%	6,613	19.8%	6,420	19.8%	6,223	19.3%
Fracture	1,505	4.3%	1,437	4.3%	1,451	4.4%	1,364	4.2%	1,327	4.1%
Multiple Injuries	357	1.0%	253	0.8%	228	0.7%	219	0.7%	214	0.7%
Occupational Disease	1,972	5.6%	1,828	5.5%	1,831	5.5%	1,655	5.1%	1,704	5.3%
Sprain, Rupture	14,401	40.9%	14,285	42.7%	14,499	43.5%	14,421	44.5%	14,011	43.6%
NOC ²	2,633	7.5%	2,180	6.5%	1,606	4.8%	1,307	4.0%	1,465	4.6%
Total	35,203	100%	33,442	100%	33,321	100%	32,443	100%	32,164	100%

Notes:

¹Source: International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC). ²NOC means Not Otherwise Classified.

Exhibit 2.12 **Reported Claims - FY05** By Cause of Injury¹





Reported Claims By Cause of Injury¹ and Fiscal Year of Injury

Exhibit 2.13

	FY0	1	FY02		FY03	3	FY04		FY05	
Cause of Injury	Count	Percent								
Burn, Hot/Cold Exposure	1,341	3.8%	1,426	4.3%	1,273	3.8%	1,319	4.1%	1,379	4.3%
Caught In, Under or Between	1,489	4.2%	1,407	4.2%	1,613	4.8%	1,519	4.7%	1,477	4.6%
Fall, Slip, Trip	6,776	19.2%	5,918	17.7%	5,994	18.0%	6,031	18.6%	5,876	18.3%
Motor Vehicle	656	1.9%	596	1.8%	579	1.7%	639	2.0%	565	1.8%
Puncture, Cut, Scrape	2,963	8.4%	2,701	8.1%	2,316	7.0%	2,144	6.6%	2,195	6.8%
Strain	10,375	29.5%	10,145	30.3%	10,204	30.6%	9,630	29.7%	9,708	30.2%
Strike Against or Step On	2,012	5.7%	2,001	6.0%	1,911	5.7%	2,007	6.2%	1,800	5.6%
Struck by Object	4,576	13.0%	4,570	13.7%	4,627	13.9%	4,553	14.0%	4,633	14.4%
NOC ²	5,015	14.2%	4,678	14.0%	4,804	14.4%	4,601	14.2%	4,531	14.1%
Total	35,203	100%	33,442	100%	33,321	100%	32,443	100%	32,164	100%

Reported Claims – FY05 By Industry and Cause of Injury¹

Exhibit 2.14

Industry	Burn Exposure	Caught in or Between	Puncture, Cut by	Fall, Slip, Trip	Vehicle Related	Strain, Jump, Lift	Hit against, Step on	Struck by	All Others	NOC	Totals
AFF	2.9%	8.2%	2.3%	18.2%	3.2%	28.2%	4.7%	21.4%	10.6%	0.3%	100%
Construction	3.0%	4.8%	10.0%	16.5%	2.0%	26.9%	5.4%	16.0%	15.3%	0.2%	100%
FIRE	3.1%	4.2%	3.7%	23.6%	1.9%	30.1%	4.0%	9.9%	19.3%	0.2%	100%
Manufacturing	3.9%	7.0%	6.8%	11.9%	1.1%	31.6%	5.6%	12.7%	19.0%	0.6%	100%
Mining	6.5%	8.2%	5.1%	13.0%	3.7%	22.2%	6.1%	16.6%	18.5%	0.0%	100%
Public Agencies	6.9%	2.9%	3.3%	19.1%	2.1%	24.8%	5.6%	19.6%	15.8%	0.0%	100%
Retail Trade	4.6%	4.1%	10.5%	16.4%	0.9%	34.7%	5.5%	11.8%	11.1%	0.3%	100%
Services	4.0%	4.1%	6.7%	20.0%	1.4%	29.9%	5.0%	14.9%	13.8%	0.1%	100%
TCPU	2.7%	3.3%	4.3%	20.2%	3.7%	33.7%	5.4%	13.3%	13.2%	0.1%	100%
Wholesale Trade	2.2%	5.6%	6.6%	15.0%	2.0%	37.3%	6.1%	12.5%	12.3%	0.3%	100%
Not Reported	4.2%	5.1%	6.9%	18.8%	2.0%	30.2%	6.4%	13.3%	12.8%	0.4%	100%
% of Total Injuries	4.3%	4.6%	6.8%	18.3%	1.8%	30.2%	5.6%	14.4%	13.9%	0.2%	100%

Notes:

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Exhibit 2.15 **Reported Claims - FY05** By Part of Body¹

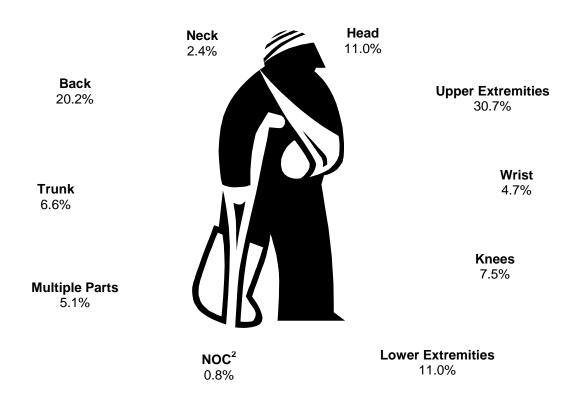


Exhibit 2.16 Reported Claims By Part of Body¹ and Fiscal Year of Injury

	FY0	1	FY02		FY03	}	FY04		FY0	5
Part of Body	Count	Percent								
Back	6,891	19.6%	6,606	19.8%	6,646	19.9%	6,588	20.3%	6,505	20.2%
Head	3,850	10.9%	3,814	11.4%	3,774	11.3%	3,648	11.2%	3,522	11.0%
Knees	2,386	6.8%	2,334	7.0%	2,476	7.4%	2,557	7.9%	2,423	7.5%
Lower Extremities	3,644	10.4%	3,517	10.5%	3,585	10.8%	3,439	10.6%	3,534	11.0%
Multiple Parts	2,512	7.1%	1,854	5.5%	1,655	5.0%	1,368	4.2%	1,654	5.1%
Neck	755	2.1%	763	2.3%	828	2.5%	810	2.5%	778	2.4%
Trunk	2,048	5.8%	2,109	6.3%	2,089	6.3%	2,099	6.5%	2,126	6.6%
Upper Extremitites	11,056	31.4%	10,563	31.6%	10,424	31.3%	10,118	31.2%	9,859	30.7%
Wrist	1,714	4.9%	1,690	5.1%	1,644	4.9%	1,619	5.0%	1,519	4.7%
All Other Claims,										
NOC ²	347	1.0%	192	0.6%	200	0.6%	197	0.6%	244	0.8%
Total	\$35,203	100%	\$33,442	100%	\$33,321	100%	\$32,443	100%	\$32,164	100%

Notes:

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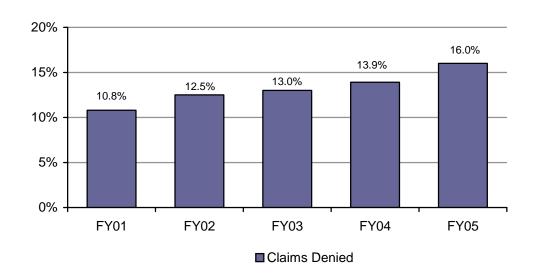
Insurer Denial of Claims

Exhibit 2.17 Insurer Denial of Claims¹ By Reason of Denial and Fiscal Year of Injury

Reason for Claim Denial		FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
Coverage Issue	Corporate officer rejected	1	1	1	3	5
	Elects no coverage	6	2	4	3	1
	Independent Contractor issue	6	2	1	2	6
	Question which insurer liable	20	20	19	19	11
	No coverage	31	16	9	22	14
Definition of Injury	Heart attack - not caused by accident	6	13	11	16	22
	Does not meet definition of injury	377	404	504	312	511
	Does not meet definition of Occupational Disease	52	68	69	75	71
	Stress - not compensable	32	29	27	27	19
	Incomplete or missing information necessary to					
Insufficient Information	accept liability	181	117	55	52	97
Late Claim Filing	Injury	57	68	85	77	49
	Occupational Disease	2	2	1	0	0
No Employer Notice	No 30-day notice to employer or insurer	154	149	148	204	201
Not in Course & Scope	Not in course and scope of employment	235	227	266	364	392
	No objective medical findings to substantiate					
No Objective Medical	injury	2,061	2,603	2,767	3,022	3,570
Other	Other	592	463	384	398	432
Total		3,813	4,184	4,351	4,596	5,401

Note: ¹The insurer may later accept claims initially denied. Statistics on accepted injuries subsequent to a denial are not currently

Exhibit 2.18 Insurer Denial of Claims¹ By Percent and Fiscal Year of Injury



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Fatal Occupational Injuries-2004 an excerpt from the 2004 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries¹

Thousands of workers in Montana are injured each year in work-related accidents. Some of these result in death. Many of the accidents could have been avoided if the employers and employees involved took proper safety measures to prevent them.

This report provides information gathered by the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program, Research and Analysis Bureau, Montana Department of Labor and Industry, on fatal occupational accidents that occurred in Montana during calendar year 2004. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and Title 29, Part 1904 of the Code of Federal Regulations state:

Within 8 hours after the occurrence of an employment accident which is fatal to one or more employees, or which results in hospitalization of three or more employees, the employer of any employees so injured or killed shall report the accident either orally or in writing to the nearest office of the Area Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. The reporting may be by telephone. The report shall relate the circumstances of the accident, the number of fatalities, and the extent of any injuries. The Area Director may require such additional reports in writing or otherwise, as they deem necessary, concerning the accident.

Summary

Overall, there were a total of 39 job-related fatalities in Montana in 2004. The following chart shows Occupational Fatalities by Industry.

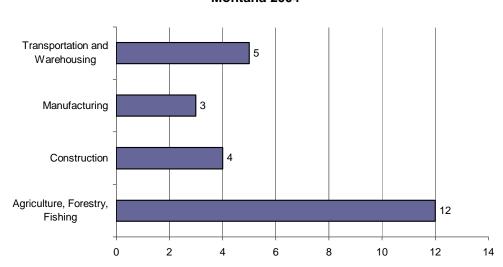


Exhibit 2.19
Fatal Work Injuries in Selected Industries
Montana 2004

Total Number of Fatalities in 2004 – 39

Totals include data for Fatalities by Industry not shown separately, that do not meet publication criteria.

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¹ This report was published by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. The complete report may be viewed at: http://www.ourfactsyourfuture.org/ under 'Publications and Articles'.

Exhibit 2.20
Occupational Fatalities by Gender
Montana 2004

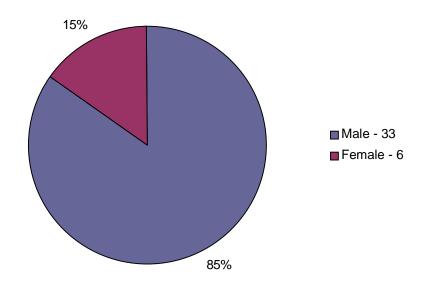
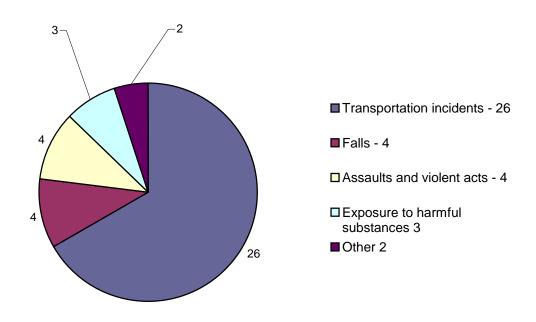
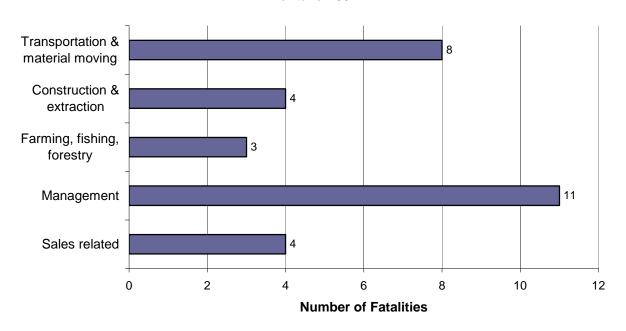


Exhibit 2.21
Workplace Fatalities by Event or Exposure
Montana 2004



Total Number of Fatalities in 2004 - 39

Exhibit 2.22
Occupations with the Largest Number of Fatalities
Montana 2004



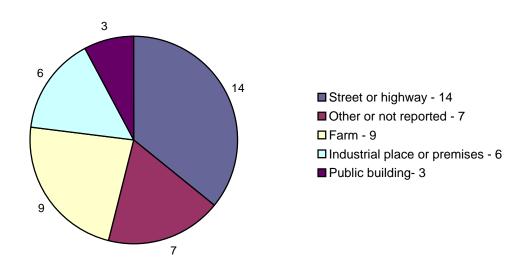
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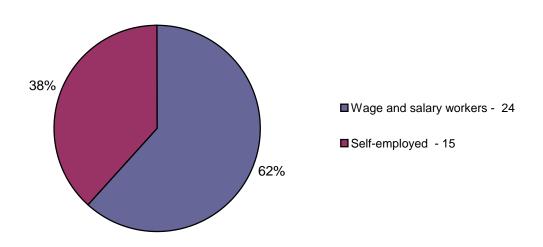
Fatal Work Injuries by Location

Montana 2004



Total Number of Fatalities in 2004 - 39

Exhibit 2.24
Occupational Fatalities by Employee Status
Montana 2004



Total number of Fatalities in 2004 – 39

Exhibit 2.25 **Occupational Fatalities by Age** Montana 2004 25 to 34 years 35 to 44 years 45 to 54 years 13 ■ Fatalities by Age 55 to 64 years 65 years and over 4 0 2 6 10 12 14 Total Number of Fatalities in 2004 – 39

Totals include data for Age not shown separately, that do not meet publication criteria.